

# Smoke Signals



**Black Hawk  
Gem and Mineral  
Club, Inc.**

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# Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

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The purpose of this non-profit organization is to promote interest in collecting, studying and working with gems and minerals and fossils. Organized in 1955, the Black Hawk Club joined the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies in 1959. It is also a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, September through May at 6:00P.M. in the Hauberg Civic Center, 1300 24th Street, Rock Island, IL. Picnics are held at various locations during June, July, and August. Annual Dues: Individual Membership: \$15.00, Senior Couples: \$12.00, Senior Individual: \$10.00, Family: \$20.00.



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## Next Meeting: Holiday Party!

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Singing Bird Lodge in Rock Island Black Hawk State Park. This is the same location as last year's party. This will take place of the party we usually held in December. The lodge is being shut down for good near the end of November, so we're holding it early. The party is from **5:30-8:30 - eating at 6pm**. Please **bring a dish to share**. The club will provide the beverages and a meat dish. The party will have buffet dinner, silent auction, marshmallow toasting in the open fire place, visiting with fellow rock hounds, and the kids can decorate their own treasure chest. We will also be taking care of the business of electing **next year's board** on this night. Hope to see you all there!

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## Nominations

Positions that need to be filled for the upcoming year:

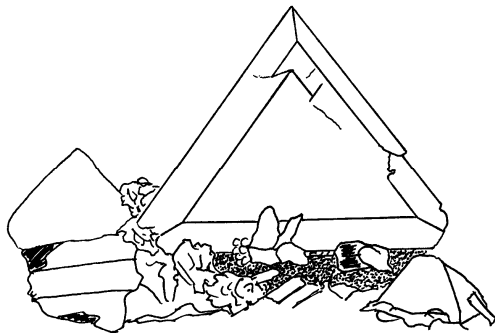
- ❖ **Board Members:**
- ❖ **Club President:** Running Monthly Board meetings, running monthly club meetings, overseeing overall functions
- ❖ **Club Secretary:** Taking minutes (notes) at the board meeting and the monthly club meetings to submit to the newsletter Chairperson and the Club President. Has a voice on the board.

- ❖ Three Year Director: Attends monthly Board meetings and has a voice on the board. This is a three year commitment.
- ❖ **Committee members:** (These are not elected. All that is required is a volunteer)
- ❖ Club Liaison with Midwest federation: Receives newsletter from the Midwest Federation, Votes for Federation board, possibly attends one Federation show representing the club - This is generally on a weekend.
- ❖ Newsletter Chairperson: Collecting newsletter articles, games, and club information from the committee, compile them into a word document, and submit to the Newsletter editor. This is done once a month from September thru May at the beginning of each month. 5 pages fill the newsletter. This includes information about upcoming club monthly meeting, Upcoming events (Shows), new members, articles, etc. Picks up, seals, stamps, labels, and mails newsletters once they are printed. Sends out notices for summer picnics.
- ❖ Field Trip Chairperson: Arranging meetings with Field Trip committee to plan field trips. Inform both the newsletter Chairperson and the website chairperson of upcoming planned fieldtrips. Manage the field trip calling tree for field trips that do not have enough notice to be printed in the newsletter.
- ❖ Website Chairperson: Collects information for the website to submit to the Webmaster to keep members updated on events of the club, including upcoming meetings, field trips, and shows. These would be collected from the Chairpersons. The Newsletter editor will submit the electronic version of the newsletter to post to the website. This person would be best to work in conjunction with the Newsletter committee.

## Upcoming Events

<p><b>Nov 21-23</b></p>	<p><b>ST. LOUIS, MO:</b> Saint Louis Mineral and Gem Society 51st Annual Fall Mineral, Gem, &amp; Fossil Show &amp; Sale. <b>New Location &amp; Dates!</b> Viking Conference Center, Holiday Inn Motel, 10709 Watson Road. Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. 17 dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, polished and carved items. Mineral displays, FREE Rock hound Starter Kits for children! Daily door prize, special prize drawing for bringing postcard reminder of the show, Grand Prize Drawing (you do not need to be present to win). Donation: Adults \$2, Students with ID \$1, Children 12 and under FREE, Scouts in Uniform FREE! FREE parking! <b>CONTACT:</b> Melissa Perucca, peruccam@aol.com, (636) 861-3865, or visit our club web site at <a href="http://www.stlmgms.stlearthsci.org">www.stlmgms.stlearthsci.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Nov 22&amp;23</b></p>	<p><b>MADISON, WI:</b> Madison Gem and Mineral Club 46TH ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW. Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way. Sat. 9:30-5:00, Sun. 10:00-5:00. 12+ vendors with great buys on mineral specimens, fossils, jewelry, crystals, rough rock, books, and more. 10-12 special exhibits featuring minerals, fossils, etc., from private collections. Demonstrations on flint knapping, hourly door prizes, grab bags for kids, and food. Admission: Adults \$3, Children 12 and under, FREE! <b>CONTACT:</b> Nevin Franke, (608) 251-2601, or visit our club web site <a href="http://www.madison.com/communities/madisonrockclub/">http://www.madison.com/communities/madisonrockclub/</a></p>
<p><b>Dec 13&amp;14</b></p>	<p><b>HOPKINS (MINNEAPOLIS), MN:</b> Anoka County Gem and Mineral Club WINTER SHOW. NEW LOCATION, NEW HOURS! Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7. Sat. 10:00-4:30, Sun. 11:00-4:30. Dealers will be selling minerals, fossils, rocks, gems, jewelry, agates, petrified wood, and fluorescent minerals and equipment. Admission: FREE, plus FREE parking! <b>CONTACT:</b> Martha Miss, 8445 Grange Boulevard, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, (651) 459-0343, <a href="mailto:rockbiz8@cs.com">rockbiz8@cs.com</a>.</p>

<p><b>Dec 13&amp;14</b></p>	<p><b>SHEBOYGAN FALLS, WI:</b> Glacial Drifters Geologic Society 4TH ANNUAL ROCK, FOSSIL, MINERAL, AND JEWELRY SHOW. Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building, 375 Buffalo Street. Sat. 10:00-5:00, Sun. 10:00-4:00. 13 dealers selling rocks, mineral specimens, fossils, and jewelry. Additional features: club sales table; mineral, fossil, and lapidary displays; demonstration of silver smithing; Kids Activity Area; and food! Gold Panning Competition! Specialist will be on hand to answer questions about polishing and identifying your rocks or fossils. Admission: Adults and Students \$2, Children under 12 FREE, plus FREE parking! <b>CONTACT:</b> Kevin Ponzio, (920) 980-6413, earthprospect@verizon.net, or Rich Gall, (920) 207-4405, richgall@yahoo.com</p>
<p><b>Mar 14&amp;15 2009</b></p>	<p><b>Macomb, IL:</b> The Geodeland Earth Science Clubs, Inc. Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show. Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-5. Western Illinois University Student Union Ball Room, Murray St. <b>Contact:</b> Show chair - Steve Holley (309)231-8861, Dealer Chair - Jim Travis (309)645-3609.</p>
<p><b>Apr 3&amp;4 2009</b></p>	<p><b>Macomb, IL:</b> Mid American Paleontology Society (MAPS) National Fossil Exposition XXXI. Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-5, Sunday 8-12noon. Western Hall Western Illinois University. <b>Contacts:</b> Tom Williams (815)223-9638, Steve Holley (309)231-8861.</p>
<p><b>Apr 18&amp;19 2009</b></p>	<p><b>Davenport, IA:</b> <b>Our Spring Show</b> - Black Hawk Gem and Mineral Club Spring Rock &amp; Jewelry Show. Putnam Museum and IMAX Theatre Lecture Hall, 1717 W. 12th St. Sat 10AM-5PM, Sun 11AM-4PM. Free Admission.</p>



## Message from the President:

Hello everyone. As the year draws to an end so does my time as Club President. It has been good these last few years. I feel our club has grown in some areas but needs more attention in other areas. It is my belief that a new President will help give us a fresh start and lead to good changes in the club.

With this in mind, I wanted to try to give prospective candidates a little better idea of what the position entails. Hopefully with more assistance from our members we will be able to line up more field trips, keep the newsletters coming, and build our club. This however is not the job of the President. This is the job of the club. The President is the person who oversees with the help of others. While the President gets involved here and there, much must be delegated. It is not on the President to make all of these things happen with or without help.

I am looking forward to upcoming years where I can focus my energies on what I truly enjoy doing: Running the club shows and teaching. I will continue to attend the monthly board meetings as a board director and helping out. If the new President wants help - I will aid them as needed. If you would like to try out the President position I encourage you to do so - and know that you will have help if you want it.

Sincerely,  
Kellie Moore

# WANTED: Scholarship Honoree

By Judith Washburn, MWF 1st Vice President

We need your help... Now! We have to select an individual, or couple, who in turn will select the recipients of the MWF share of the AFMS Scholarship Awards for the current year - 2009. Each Regional Federation selects its own awardee who selects the school(s) and student(s) within that federation's geographical area. This is an awesome honor!

***How can you suggest a candidate for this honor? It's easy:***

- 1) A candidate may be someone in your own club or another club who stands out as worthy of such an honor due to their dedication and service;
- 2) A candidate could be a Federation officer or committee chair who has served the organization faithfully and well over the years;
- 3) A candidate could be an individual in the professional world, such as a professor at a university or college who has contributed to the hobby by helping a club with projects, or serving as a speaker for meetings and shows when called upon
- 4) A candidate could be a museum curator or on the staff of a geological survey who has likewise served the hobby.

***What kind of information do you need to supply? The more information you offer, the better. Use the following guidelines:***

- 1) Include services to rock clubs, students, and the community;
- 2) Note accomplishments and/or contributions made to the earth sciences (geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology, oceanography, etc., whichever may be his/her specialty)
- 3) List universities or colleges attended, degrees received, papers, pamphlets or books written alone or in conjunction with someone else;
- 4) List honorary and professional organizations, present or past positions held, and honors which have been received;
- 5) Include personal information such as date and place of birth, marital status, number of children, home address, etc.



6) If possible, include a black and white wallet-sized photo of the candidate.

The Board of Selectors must rely on the information you send, so include everything you can to support your nominee. Send your nomination to:

Judith Washburn  
107 Deer Creek Road  
Rochester, IL 62563-9220

Or to [jrwashburn1@msn.com](mailto:jrwashburn1@msn.com)

If you have questions, call: 217-498-7713

**DEADLINE: December 20, 2008**

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# Dues!

It's getting close to the end of the year once again; time to start thinking about dues. Dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. Any Dues paid from this point forward will count towards next year's membership. Those who joined in September are already paid through next year.

Individual - \$15.00
Family - \$20.00
Senior Couple - \$12.00
Senior Single - \$10.00

If mailing, please send dues to: Connie Huber  
2903 Woodland Ct  
Davenport, IA 52803

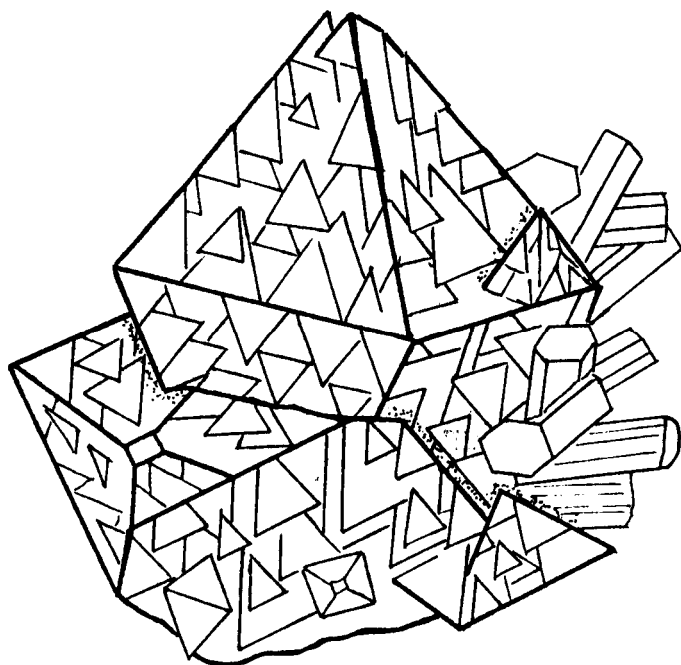
*Welcome new members!*

*Kaye Hannah*

*Dave and Georgia Hoggatt*

*Wayne Emery*

*William Jacobs*



## **Newsletter**

If you have an article you would like to see published let us know! You can e-mail the President at:

[kalsinean1@aol.com](mailto:kalsinean1@aol.com)

[\*\*www.blackhawkgemandmineralclub.com\*\*](http://www.blackhawkgemandmineralclub.com)

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**Affiliations**

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<http://www.amfed.org/mwf/>

**American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

<http://www.gaminal.org/afms.htm>

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